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This is a copy of the order issued from the Registrar in regard to the recovery of the advances made to the weavers during the recent disturbances.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

R o a d s:-

Correspondence ending with letter No. D.748 dated the 15th November 1909 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, on the subject of the responsibility of Municipalities in respect of the administration of relief to artisans during the past season of distress.

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Order thereon No. R 5082-101 Agri 226-08-7

Dated Bangalore 27 January 1910.

Both the Famine Code and the Municipal Regulation (VII of 1906) contemplate that the Municipalities should be responsible for all measures of relief rendered necessary within municipal limits by the existence of distress. Section 55 (4) of the Municipal Regulation imposes upon the Municipal Councils the obligation of providing in times of famine or scarcity, the necessary funds required for giving relief to destitute persons and of establishing and maintaining relief works on their account. Under Section 218 of the Famine Code they are also bound as far as possible to undertake the financing and management of relief to artisans, Government granting, if necessary, loans for the purpose free of interest 2. The weavers were the only class of artisans for whose relief special measures were started during the year 1908-09. Owing to the urgency of the relief as, when the budget was framed, there were no indications of approaching scarcity, Government lost no time in sanctioning the funds required and granted in all a sum of Rs. 50,000/- for the purpose, leaving it to the Deputy Commissioners to take the steps necessary for securing the co-operation of Municipalities in the administration of relief. The Revenue Commissioner was also requested to ascertain the extent to which each municipality would be liable for the cost of these operations. The majority of these local bodies plead inability to meet any part of the charges from their limited resources.

3. The Government observe that the relief operations have

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so far been carried out by the Revenue Authorities. It would have certainly been advisable if the Deputy Commissioners had as required by the Famine Code and as intended by the Government, taken all the steps necessary for administering the relief with the co-operation and concurrence of the Municipalities concerned. As however the operations have now been stopped and the only thing that remains to be done is the recovery of the advances made, Government consider that this may be conveniently attended to by the Revenue Authorities themselves who have maintained the necessary accounts in connection with these transactions.

4. Under the circumstances the Government also do not think it to be desirable to require the Municipalities to make good any loss that may accrue from the relief operations.

5. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to arrange for the speedy recovery of all the advances made.

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Offg. Secretary to Government.

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

✓ Comptroller, Mysore Govt.

• Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

• Presidents of the City Municipal Councils of Bangalore & Mysore

• Presidents of Municipalities in the several Districts.

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Secretary